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<i>Jpw</i>	Application Number	09/970458
	Filing Date	October 2, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Jan Seppala et al.
	Art Unit	3731
	Examiner Name	David O. Reip
	Attorney Docket Number	S63.2-9396-US02

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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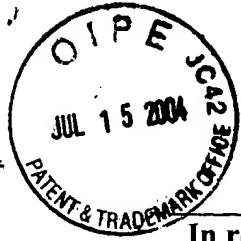
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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**1 page Request for Continued Examination; and Return Postcard.**
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► **Attached is check #40863 in the amount of \$770.00.**  
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